



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF
ATSK-CMT (600)

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Policy Letter 01-01, Extremist Organizations

1. Purpose. To establish the Commandant's policy on extremist organizations and activities.
2. Applicability. To all personnel and organizational elements assigned or attached to the US Army Ordnance Missile and Munitions Center and School (OMMCS)/59th Ordnance Brigade.
3. Reference. AR 600-20, Paragraph 4-12 (Extremist Organization), 2 Dec 1996.
4. Responsibilities.
 - a. Leaders at all levels, military and civilian, will advise subordinates that extremist organization's goals are inconsistent with Army goals, beliefs, and values concerning equal opportunity. Also, leaders will ensure that subordinates thoroughly understand that extremist groups take on supremacist causes, attempt to create illegal discrimination, advocate the use of force, and/or otherwise engage in efforts to deprive individuals of their civil rights.
 - b. It is the responsibility of all leaders to identify and report any suspected extremist activity.
5. Policy.
 - a. Participation. Military personnel must reject participation in extremist organizations and activities. Extremists organizations and activities are the ones that advocate racial, gender, or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create, or engage in illegal discrimination based on race, color, sex, religion, or national origin; advocate the use of or use force or violence or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights.
 - b. Prohibitions. While entitled to personal beliefs, soldiers are prohibited from the following actions in support of extremist organizations or activities:

Supersedes Policy Letter 98-2, Extremist Groups, 5 Jan 99

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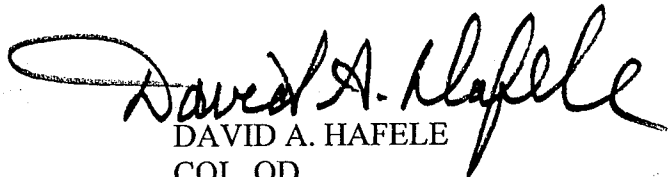
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- (1) Participating in a public demonstration or a rally.
- (2) Knowingly attending a meeting or activity.
- (3) Fund raising.
- (4) Recruiting, or training members (including encouraging other soldiers to join).
- (5) Creating, organizing, or taking a visible leadership role in such an organization or activity.
- (6) Distributing literature on or off this installation with the primary purpose and content of which concerns advocacy or support of extremist causes, organizations, or activities.

c. Civilian personnel will not participate in any organization or activity that is inconsistent with Army goals, beliefs, and values concerning equal opportunity.

6. Commanders have the authority to prohibit military personnel from engaging in or participating in any activity that will adversely affect good order and discipline or morale within his or her command. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to order the removal of symbols, flags, posters, or other displays from barracks to include tattoos on soldiers' bodies.

7. Commanders must take positive actions to educate soldiers, and put them on notice of the potential adverse effects that any violation of this policy may have upon the unit and their military service. Furthermore, assistance from the legal and equal opportunity staff will be utilized pursuant to this policy letter.


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